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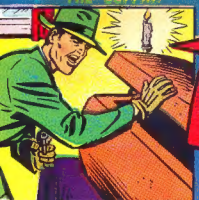

IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER PAYMENT, LIL! COUGH UP THE DOUGH OR I'LL START GIVIN' THE COPS AN EARFUL ABOUT YOUR HUSBAND'S PAST!

NO, DRAGO! NOT THAT, PLEASE! THINK OF WHAT IT'LL DO TO HIM... TO OUR CHILDREN! I'LL GET YOUR FILTHY HUSH MONEY... JUST GIVE ME MORE TIME, PLEASE!

OKAY, BOYS! YOU HEARD THAT! HE'S OUR MAN! BREAK DOWN THE DOOR!

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THE MOST HEARTLESS CRIME

PAY UP LIL! YOU WOULDN'T WANT YOUR HUSBAND TO FIND OUT ABOUT THAT STRETCH YOU ONCE DID, WOULD YA?
BUT I'M TAKING THE BREAD OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF MY KIDS TO PAY YOU THIS MONEY, DRAGO! HOW COULD ANY HUMAN BEING BE SO HEARTLESS?
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...AND I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THIS... HE'S GOT ME ON HIS LIST, TOO! ME...A COP!
THIS IS CHUCK DRAGO! THE MAN WHO COMMITTED THE MOST HEARTLESS CRIME!
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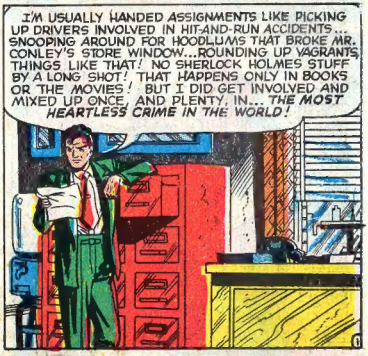
MY NAME IS HANK ELLIS... LIEUTENANT HANK ELLIS! I'M JUST A COP...A DETECTIVE ON THE BROOKLYN POLICE FORCE! YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF ME BECAUSE I WAS NEVER INVOLVED IN THE KIND OF CASES THAT MAKE THE HEADLINES! AT LEAST MY PART OF THE WORK ISN'T SPECTACULAR! I'M JUST A LEG-MAN, DOING CHECK-UP WORK, ORDINARY ROUTINES THAT ARE NECESSARY AND IMPORTANT, BUT NOT ANYTHING THAT WOULD INTEREST YOU... OR WOULD IT?


I'M USUALLY HANDED ASSIGNMENTS LIKE PICKING UP DRIVERS INVOLVED IN HIT-AND-RUN ACCIDENTS... SNOOPING AROUND FOR HOODLUMS THAT BROKE MR. CONLEY'S STORE WINDOW...ROUNDING UP VAGRANTS, THINGS LIKE THAT! NO SHERLOCK HOLMES STUFF BY A LONG SHOT! THAT HAPPENS ONLY IN BOOKS OR THE MOVIES! BUT I DID GET INVOLVED AND MIXED UP ONCE, AND PLENTY, IN... THE MOST HEARTLESS CRIME IN THE WORLD!

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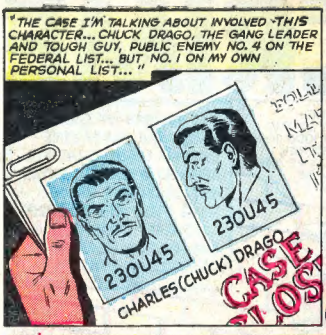
"THE CASE I'M TALKING ABOUT INVOLVED THIS CHARACTER... CHUCK DRAGO, THE GANG LEADER AND TOUGH GUY, PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 4 ON THE FEDERAL LIST... BUT, NO. 1 ON MY OWN PERSONAL LIST..."
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CHARLES (CHUCK) DRAGO
CASE

"DRAGO HAD BEEN A THORN IN THE SIDE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR YEARS! HE'D SPENT PLENTY OF TIME IN PRISON, AND TOO MUCH TIME OUT OF IT IN HIS LIFETIME... A LIFETIME DEVOTED TO CRIME IN ALL ITS GRIM ASPECTS!"
MOW 'EM ALL DOWN! NOBODY'S STOPPIN' DRAGO!
DIAMONDS
CRACK
BAM
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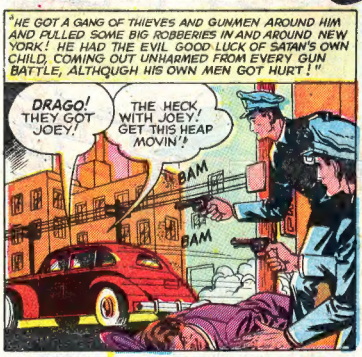
"HE GOT A GANG OF THIEVES AND GUNMEN AROUND HIM AND PULLED SOME BIG ROBBERIES IN AND AROUND NEW YORK! HE HAD THE EVIL GOOD LUCK OF SATAN'S OWN CHILD, COMING OUT UNHARMED FROM EVERY GUN BATTLE, ALTHQUGH HIS OWN MEN GOT HURT!"
DRAGO! THEY GOT JOEY!
THE HECK WITH JOEY! GET THIS HEAP MOVIN'!
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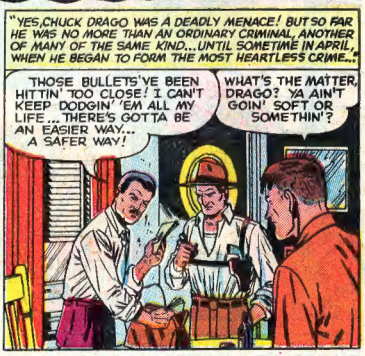
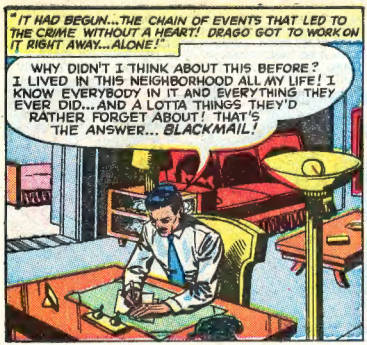
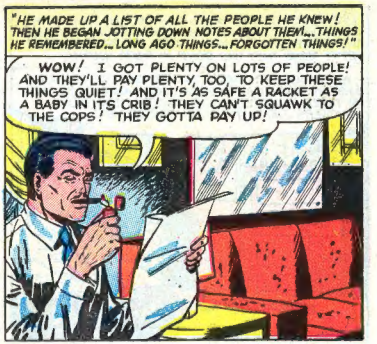
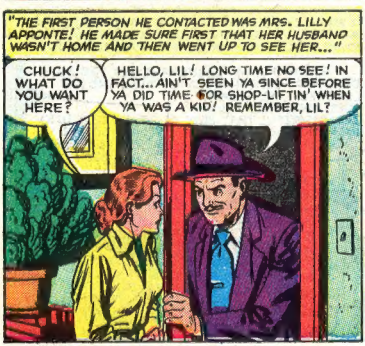

"YES, CHUCK DRAGO WAS A DEADLY MENACE! BUT SO FAR HE WAS NO MORE THAN AN ORDINARY CRIMINAL, ANOTHER OF MANY OF THE SAME KIND... UNTIL SOMETIME IN APRIL, WHEN HE BEGAN TO FORM THE MOST HEARTLESS CRIME..."
THOSE BULLETS'VE BEEN HITTIN' TOO CLOSE! I CAN'T KEEP DODGIN' 'EM ALL MY LIFE... THERE'S GOTTA BE AN EASIER WAY... A SAFER WAY!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, DRAGO? YA AIN'T GOIN' SOFT OR SOMETHIN'?

DRAGO NEVER GOES SOFT! SEE?
SOCK!
TAKE IT EASY! I WAS ONLY KIDDIN'!

GET SMART WITH ME, AND I GOT ENOUGH ON YA TO TURN YA OVER TO THE COPS! THAT'S HOW I'D FIX GUYS LIKE... HEY! WAIT A MINUTE... I GOT IT!... AND HOW I GOT IT!
ALL I GOT IS A SOCK ON THE JAW!


"IT HAD BEGUN...THE CHAIN OF EVENTS THAT LED TO THE CRIME WITHOUT A HEART! DRAGO GOT TO WORK ON IT RIGHT AWAY...ALONE!"
WHY DIDN'T I THINK ABOUT THIS BEFORE? I LIVED IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD ALL MY LIFE! I KNOW EVERYBODY IN IT AND EVERYTHING THEY EVER DID...AND A LOTTA THINGS THEY'D RATHER FORGET ABOUT! THAT'S THE ANSWER... BLACKMAIL!


"HE MADE UP A LIST OF ALL THE PEOPLE HE KNEW! THEN HE BEGAN JOTTING DOWN NOTES ABOUT THEM!...THINGS HE REMEMBERED...LONG AGO THINGS...FORGOTTEN THINGS!"
WOW! I GOT PLENTY ON LOTS OF PEOPLE! AND THEY'LL PAY PLENTY, TOO, TO KEEP THESE THINGS QUIET! AND IT'S AS SAFE A RACKET AS A BABY IN ITS CRIB! THEY CAN'T SQUAWK TO THE COPS! THEY GOTTA PAY UP!


"THE FIRST PERSON HE CONTACTED WAS MRS. LILLY APPONTE! HE MADE SURE FIRST THAT HER HUSBAND WASN'T HOME AND THEN WENT UP TO SEE HER..."
CHUCK! WHAT DO YOU WANT HERE?
HELLO, LIL! LONG TIME NO SEE! IN FACT... AIN'T SEEN YA SINCE BEFORE YA DID TIME FOR SHOP-LIFTIN' WHEN YA WAS A KID! REMEMBER, LIL?

YOU... YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT! I THOUGHT NO ONE REMEMBERED! WELL, WHAT ABOUT IT, DRAGO?
THIS ABOUT IT...YOUR HUSBAND DOESN'T KNOW! IF HE DID, YOUR MARRIAGE WOULD BUST UP, WOULDN'T IT? THAT'D BE TOO BAD, LILLY! YEP! TOO BAD!

YOU WOULDN'T TELL HIM! I MADE A MISTAKE IN NOT TELLING HIM AT THE VERY BEGINNING! BUT IF HE FINDS OUT NOW, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS! OH, DRAGO... NO! DON'T TELL HIM... PLEASE!
YOU KNOW ME, LIL! I'M YOUR PAL! I WOULDN'T SQUEAL...NOT IF YA PAID ME TEN BUCKS A WEEK TO KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT!

I...I CAN'T AFFORD IT! I'D HAVE TO TAKE FOOD AWAY FROM THE MOUTHS OF MY KIDS! HOW COULD YOU BE SO HEARTLESS?
GET IT UP, LIL! THAT'S ALL I CARE ABOUT, AND I DON'T CARE HOW YA DO IT! I'LL BE BY EVERY MONDAY TO COLLECT!

"LILLY APPONTE PAID UP ALL RIGHT! SO DID LUKE SIMMS, THE DRUGGIST, AND JINX FIELDS, THE GROCER; AND PLENTY OF OTHERS! ALL OF WHOM FEARED EXPOSURE OF SOME PETTY THING THEY HAD DONE IN THEIR YOUTH!"

WHAT A RACKET! WHAT A RACKET! SOFT AS SILK AND EASY AS TAKIN' CANDY FROM A KID! ALREADY I'M TAKIN' IN THREE HUNDRED BUCKS A WEEK FROM THOSE SUCKERS AND I AIN'T EVEN STARTED YET!

"NONE OF HIS VICTIMS HAD THE MONEY TO SPARE FOR BLACKMAIL! THEY HAD TO SCRIMP TO GET IT UP, BUT THEY DID! IN MY BOOK THERE'S NOBODY MORE HEARTLESS THAN A RAT WHO PICKS ON POOR DEFENSELESS PEOPLE ...AND DRAGO WAS THAT RAT, ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T KNOW IT AT THE TIME...!"

"WE AT HEADQUARTERS HAD NO INKLING OF ANY OF THIS! BUT THE CHIEF DID NOTICE THAT DRAGO HAD STOPPED HIS ROBBERIES AND HIS GANG WAS BROKEN UP..."

I DON'T LIKE IT! DRAGO QUITS THE RACKET ALL OF A SUDDEN LIKE THAT! WHAT'S HE UP TO ANYWAY?

PROBABLY LIVING OFF OF HIS GOOD LOOKS AND TAKING IT EASY! I'LL SNOOP AROUND AND SEE WHAT I CAN FIND OUT, CHIEF!

PRIVATE

"I WAS LUCKY! I HIT IT ALL RIGHT, RIGHT OFF THE BAT! MISS HILL, THE TEACHER AT THE SCHOOL STOPPED TO TALK TO ME ABOUT YOUNG BILLY, MRS. APPONTE'S SON..."

IT'S VERY FUNNY, LIEUTENANT, BUT THE BOY'S DRESSED VERY SHABBILY LATELY...AND HIS LUNCHES ARE SKIMPY! MRS. APPONTE'S ALWAYS BEEN CAREFUL THAT BILLY HAD ENOUGH TO EAT AND GOOD CLOTHES!

I'LL LOOK INTO IT! MAYBE MR. APPONTE'S BEEN LAID OFF!

"BUT I GOT NOTHING FROM LILLY APPONTE BUT A HYSTERICAL DEMAND TO MIND MY OWN BUSINESS!"

WHY DON'T YOU GO CHASE CROOKS INSTEAD OF ASKING ME QUESTIONS ABOUT MY PERSONAL LIFE? I DO THE BEST I CAN WITH MY FAMILY!

I KNOW THAT, LIL! I WAS JUST WONDERING!

"BUT THAT SCARED LOOK TOLD ME MORE...MUCH MORE! I BEGAN THINKING, 'WHAT WAS SHE SCARED OF? WHAT COULD FRIGHTEN HER LIKE THAT? THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING LILLY COULD BE THAT WORRIED ABOUT..."

LIL...TELL ME! HAS THIS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE TIME YOU DID WHEN YOU WERE YOUNGER?

HOW DID YOU... NO! NO! MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!

"BUT I KNEW THE EARMARKS OF BLACKMAIL WHEN I SAW IT! THAT WAS THE ONLY ANSWER TO ALL THIS! BUT I COULDN'T GET HER TO ADMIT IT!"
LOOK, LIL, IF SOMEBODY'S PUTTING THE SQUEEZE ON YOU, TELL ME! THAT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN GET OUT OF IT! WHO'S DOING THIS TO YOU? TELL ME HIS NAME AND I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM!
I...I CAN'T! I MEAN...NO! IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT! GO AWAY AND LEAVE ME ALONE!
"THAT WAS THAT... BUT I KNEW WHAT I WANTED TO KNOW! OTHER THINGS CROPPED UP IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THINGS THAT TOLD ME THAT LIL WASN'T THE ONLY VICTIM, THAT OTHERS WERE VICTIMS OF THIS SHAKEDOWN!"
BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO BREAK THIS CASE, CHIEF, IF NO ONE WILL TELL WHO'S RAKING THEM OVER THE COALS LIKE THAT?
THAT'S ALWAYS THE WAY! IF ONLY ONE PERSON WOULD TALK... JUST ONE!
"BUT WE COULDN'T FIND THAT ONE PERSON! I CONFRONTED LIL WITH THE STRAIGHT FACTS, BUT SHE WOULDN'T TALK!"
SURE IT'S EASY FOR YOU TO TALK! YOU'RE NOT MIXED UP IN THIS! HOW WOULD YOU LIKE IT IF HE HAD SOMETHING ON YOU? WOULD YOU TALK THEN?
SURE I WOULD, LIL! IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO GET RID OF A BLACKMAILER!
WELL, I WON'T DO IT! I'D RATHER PAY THAN TAKE A CHANCE ON WRECKING MY MARRIAGE! THAT'S ALL! NOW GET OUT AND LEAVE ME ALONE!
ALL RIGHT, LIL, BUT YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE! YOU CAN'T KEEP THIS UP FOREVER... PAYING HUSH MONEY LIKE THAT! YOUR HUSBAND'S BOUND TO FIND OUT, AND THEN WHAT?
"I HATED TO HURT HER LIKE THAT, BUT I HAD TO! I HAD TO DO SOMETHING...BUT NOTHING WORKED! DRAGO STILL KEPT ON COLLECTING HIS DIRTY MONEY!"
NICE GOING, LIL! KEEP PAYIN' AND YOU'RE OKAY! BY THE WAY, I SAW LIEUTENANT ELLIS COMIN' OUT OF THIS BUILDING! WHAT WAS THAT COP DOIN' HERE?
NOTHING! HONEST! HE...HE WASN'T IN MY APARTMENT!
WELL, I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT HIM! I GOT SOMETHING ON HANK ELLIS THAT'LL MAKE HIM FORK OVER A NICE CONTRIBUTION TO ME EVERY WEEK, TOO! SO LONG, LIL! SEE YA NEXT MONDAY!

"DRAGO HAD HIS NERVE...PLENTY OF IT! THAT NIGHT HE HAD THE GALL TO COME TO MY HOUSE TO SEE ME! HIS FIRST WORDS WERE ENOUGH TO KNOCK ME OUT!"
I HEAR YA BEEN LOOKIN' FOR ME, ELLIS! YA WERE UP TO SEE LIL APPONTE TODAY, WEREN'T YA?
WHAT? SO YOU'RE THE LOUSY BLACKMAILER!
YEAH! ...WHAT ABOUT IT? I GOT A NICE RACKET, AND NOBODY'S BUSTIN' IT UP...ESPECIALLY A COPPER LIKE YOU! HOW'D THE DEPARTMENT LIKE IT IF THEY FOUND OUT THAT YOU THREW A FIGHT WHEN YOU WERE AN AMATEUR BOXER YEARS AGO?
WHAT? WHY YOU DIRTY CHISELER!
"I HIT HIM AS HARD AS I COULD, MY FIST CRUNCHING AGAINST HIS ROTTEN CHIN!"
FEEL BETTER, ELLIS? WELL, YOU'RE NOT GONNA FEEL SO HOT WHEN YA GOTTA HAND OVER TWENTY BUCKS A WEEK TO ME! IF YA DON'T, I'LL BUST YA, COPPER! I'LL FINISH YA FOR GOOD WITH THE POLICE FORCE!
GET OUT OF HERE, YOU SNAKE, BEFORE I STEP ALL OVER YOU!
"HE HAD ME, ALL RIGHT, RIGHT BEHIND THE EIGHT-BALL! WHEN I WAS SIXTEEN YEARS OLD I'D BEEN AN AMATEUR FIGHTER AND FOOLISH KID THAT I WAS, I HAD ALLOWED A CHEAP GAMBLER TO PERSUADE ME TO THROW A FIGHT...TO LOSE ON PURPOSE! NOW THAT SIN WAS COMING BACK TO HAUNT ME!"
IF THAT EVER GOT OUT, I'D BE KICKED OUT OF THE FORCE FOR NOT HAVING TOLD ABOUT IT WHEN I JOINED! BUT...WHAT'LL I DO? I KNOW WHO THE BLACKMAILER IS...BUT HE'S TIED MY HANDS THE WAY HE'S DONE TO THE OTHERS!
"I WAS UP ALL NIGHT...THINKING AND THINKING! BY DAYLIGHT I HAD MADE MY DECISION AND I RUSHED OUT BEFORE I COULD CHANGE MY MIND!"

CHIEF, HERE IS MY BADGE! I'LL WRITE OUT MY RESIGNATION AND THEN I'LL BE READY TO TESTIFY AGAINST THE BLACK-MAILER WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!
HEY! WHAT IS THIS? WHAT'S THIS TALK ABOUT QUITTING?
WE NEVER GOT THE BLACKMAILER BECAUSE HIS VICTIMS WERE AFRAID TO TALK! RIGHT? WELL, I'M ONE WHO ISN'T! I'LL TALK, AND PLENTY... AS LONG AS THAT RAT LANDS IN PRISON WHERE HE BELONGS! YES, CHIEF, HE'S GOT SOMETHING ON ME ... AND I WANT TO TELL WHAT IT IS! OUR BLACKMAILER IS CHARLES DRAGO!
HANK, IF YOU'RE AFRAID OF THAT FIGHT FIX YOU WERE MIXED UP IN WHEN YOU WERE A KID... FORGET IT! WE KNEW ALL ABOUT IT AND DIDN'T THINK IT WAS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO HOLD AGAINST YOU! NOW... BRING IN DRAGO!
CHIEF! I... I... YOU BET!
"I BROUGHT HIM IN ALL RIGHT... BY THE SCRUFF OF HIS NECK, AND I MADE SURE ALL THE FOLKS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD SAW WHAT I WAS DOING!"
"I TESTIFIED AT THE TRIAL... AND I WAS THE ONLY WITNESS, BUT ENOUGH TO CONVICT HIM! BUT AT LEAST I TAUGHT THE OTHER VICTIMS A LESSON... THAT AS LONG AS YOU'RE ON THE SIDE OF THE LAW, YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! THE ONLY ONES TO WORRY ARE THE LAWBREAKERS!"
TWENTY YEARS IN PRISON FOR YOU, CHARLES DRAGO!
YOU RISKED YOUR CAREER AND YOUR REPUTATION TO BREAK THIS CASE, HANK... BUT YOU'RE A COP ALL THE WAY!
YES, I HAD TO BE READY TO SACRIFICE MYSELF TO PROVE TO OTHERS THAT WHAT I TOLD THEM WAS THE RIGHT WAY AND THE ONLY WAY! IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE AND IN DOUBT, GO TO YOUR FRIENDS... THOSE WHOSE SWORN DUTY IT IS TO FIGHT CRIME AND CRIMINALS... THE POLICE!
THE END

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THE PHONE CALL

IT WAS all so fantastic. That afternoon, we had been a happy group, spending a wonderful weekend at the fabulous West estate, golfing, riding, and dancing. Gloria West, the girl I was going to marry, was as beautiful as ever, and, as usual, the perfect hostess. As a matter of fact, it was her consideration for Midge Caron, that started all the trouble. Tommy West had brought this quiet, charming Southern girl out, and she quickly fell into the whirl of things. She was soon made to feel at home, especially by Tommy.

It was not until after dinner of the second day that the telephone call came. Midge was a changed girl from that moment. She tried to leave at once, but Gloria would not hear of it. She could go into town in the morning if she still persisted.

Most of us turned in early that evening, but I stayed with Gloria, for I had a strange feeling that something was in the air. I could not explain it—but it was there. What had changed Midge from a sweet, quiet, gracious girl, to one haunted by fear—a fear induced by whatever she had heard on the telephone? I did not know but every instinct told me to stay close to Gloria!

We sat around, playing cards for a while. Then we tried to dance to recorded music. But our hearts were not in it. It was quite late and the other guests were in their rooms so we decided to turn in. Midge was the last to go up, as we had kept her with us, trying to cheer her up. Gloria and I sat in front of the fire and talked.

"I wonder what that message could have been, to upset Midge so? It was not important enough for her to insist on leaving! She seemed even relieved when I urged her to stay," Gloria said.

"We'll take her into town in the morning. Perhaps we can help her. Let's call it a day."

I had just reached my room. I was not sleepy, and wanting something to read, I started for the library. The house was dark, but I knew it as well as my own, and started down the stairs, heading across the entrance hall to the library. As I passed the living room I noticed that the curtains were swaying, as though the wind was gently blowing them. Thinking that the huge French window had been left open by mistake, I started towards it, to close it. Suddenly, I stopped and jumped behind a screen, as I heard voices . . . a man's I did not recognize, and Midge's!

"Please don't make me go through with this. She's a wonderful girl, and if anything happens to her, I'll never forgive any of you," Midge's voice pleaded.

"Nothing's gonna happen to her if you follow orders. We hold her 'til her old man comes across with the dough, and then we let her go. Now get her down here. Tell her there's something wrong."

"If anything happens to her, I'll . . ."

"Do like I said and get her down here. No noise, understand?"

Midge went slowly up the stairs, and I wondered what was going on. I decided to stay where I was, and see what would happen. Soon, the two girls were coming down the stairs.

"It is the French window in the living room, Gloria. I noticed it when I came down to get my purse," Midge was saying to Gloria.

As Gloria stepped to the window, a tall heavy set man came from behind the drapes and clamped a cloth over her mouth. I could smell the pungent odor of chloroform from where I stood. I rushed at him, but he crashed a back-hand blow to my face, and I fell to the floor. As I lay there, half stunned, I saw him, with Gloria limp in his arms. He was going through the window, and carried her as though she were a baby. Midge was following them. By the time I got to my feet and stumbled out of the window, onto the lawn, a large car was tearing down the driveway. But Midge was lying in the road. THEY HAD PUSHED HER OUT OF THE CAR AND HAD DRIVEN OFF WITHOUT HER!

Taking her back to the house, we hurried upstairs. I knocked on Tommy's door, telling him to come to my room at once. Explaining as quickly as possible what had taken place, I turned to Midge.

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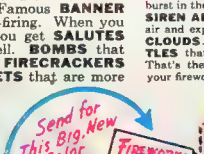

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THE CRIMINAL... "WILD JACK" BROPHY!
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THE TIME.. 1901!

SO MY LAST APPEAL HAS BEEN TURNED DOWN, LANSEN? WELL, THAT DON'T MEAN I'M GOING TO HANG! THERE'S A COUPLE OF GUYS--JOE WADLEY AND HARRY BROCK! THEY GOT TO SPRING ME! I'LL GIVE YOU THEIR ADDRESS! TELL 'EM I DON'T CARE HOW THEY DO IT... BUT TELL THEM TO GET ME OUT OF HERE, OR ELSE! THEY'LL KNOW WHAT I MEAN!

AS YOUR ATTORNEY, BROPHY, I'VE DONE ALL I CAN TO HELP YOU... AS A FRIEND, I WANT TO ADVISE YOU TO MAKE THIS AS EASY AS YOU CAN ON YOURSELF! NOBODY CAN SPRING YOU FROM THIS PRISON--IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THEY'D GET KILLED TRYING!

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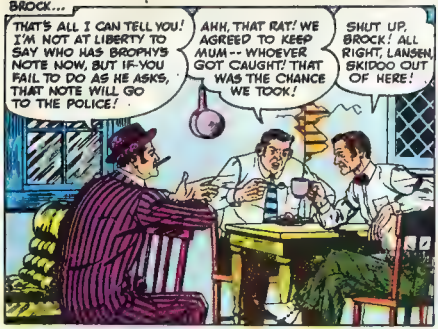
I DON'T NEED YOUR KIND OF FRIENDSHIP, LANSEN... I'M PAYING YOU GOOD DOUGH! SURE, WHAT DO YOU CARE... IT AIN'T YOUR NECK THEY'RE GOING TO STRETCH! AS FOR WADLEY AND BROCK--LET 'EM GET CROAKED, BUT YOU TELL 'EM THEY GOT A TRIP TO THE GALLOWS IF THEY DON'T COME THROUGH FOR ME!

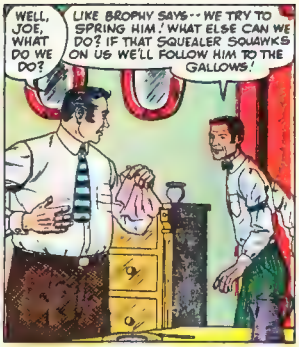
ALL RIGHT, BROPHY! I'LL TELL THEM! IS THAT ALL YOU WANT?

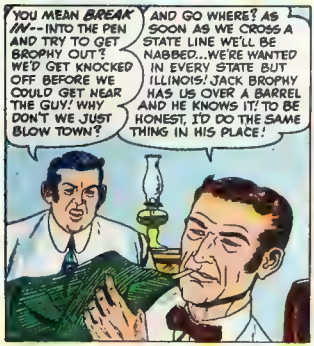
NO! THERE'S A NOTE! IF I HANG I WANT YOU TO TURN THIS NOTE OVER TO THE POLICE! OTHERWISE, BURN IT! I'M TRUSTING YOU, LANSEN!

YOU'VE HAD NO REASON TO DO OTHERWISE, BROPHY...

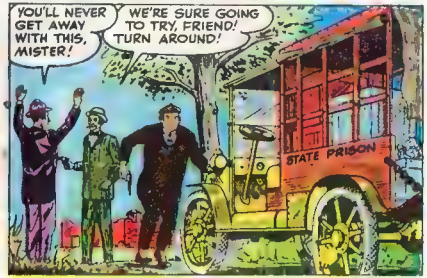
NEXT DAY, ATTORNEY LANSEN VISITED JOE WADLEY AND HARRY BROCK...


THAT'S ALL I CAN TELL YOU! I'M NOT AT LIBERTY TO SAY WHO HAS BROPHY'S NOTE NOW, BUT IF-YOU FAIL TO DO AS HE ASKS, THAT NOTE WILL GO TO THE POLICE!
AHH, THAT RAT! WE AGREED TO KEEP MUM -- WHOEVER GOT CAUGHT! THAT WAS THE CHANCE WE TOOK!
SHUT UP, BROCK! ALL RIGHT, LANSEN, SKIDOO OUT OF HERE!

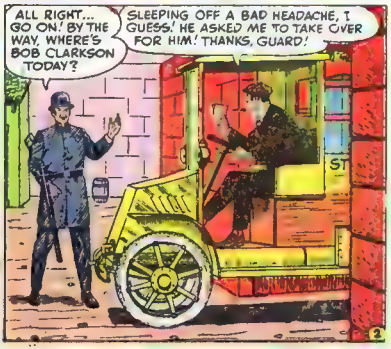

WELL, JOE, WHAT DO WE DO?
LIKE BROPHY SAYS -- WE TRY TO SPRING HIM! WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO? IF THAT SQUEALER SQUAWKS ON US WE'LL FOLLOW HIM TO THE GALLOWS!


YOU MEAN BREAK IN -- INTO THE PEN AND TRY TO GET BROPHY OUT? WE'D GET KNOCKED OFF BEFORE WE COULD GET NEAR THE GUY! WHY DON'T WE JUST BLOW TOWN?
AND GO WHERE? AS SOON AS WE CROSS A STATE LINE WE'LL BE NABBED...WE'RE WANTED IN EVERY STATE BUT ILLINOIS! JACK BROPHY HAS US OVER A BARREL AND HE KNOWS IT! TO BE HONEST, I'D DO THE SAME THING IN HIS PLACE!

SO IT WAS A DESPERATE PAIR OF MEN WHO SET OUT TO PERFORM THE SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE TASK OF RESCUING THE MAN WHOSE DEATH WOULD SEND THEM TO THE GALLOWS! THEY APPEARED NEAR THE STATE PENITENTIARY THE DAY BEFORE JACK BROPHY WAS TO HANG...



YOU'D BETTER GIVE HIM A COUPLE OF EXTRA CLOUTS TO MAKE SURE HE STAYS OUT! THEN DUMP HIM IN THE BUSHES! OH, YEAH -- GET ME HIS PASS...
WHY DON'T YOU WRITE A BOOK, HARRY? I KNOW WHAT TO DO!


ALL RIGHT... GO ON! BY THE WAY, WHERE'S BOB CLARKSON TODAY?
SLEEPING OFF A BAD HEADACHE, I GUESS! HE ASKED ME TO TAKE OVER FOR HIM! THANKS, GUARD!

COME ON, JOE... BEFORE THOSE CONS GET BACK!
DON'T FORGET WHAT I TOLD YOU, BROCK... BLAST ANYTHING THAT GETS IN YOUR WAY! FROM HERE ON WE GO RIGHT THROUGH! GET BROPHY OUT, OR GET SHOT DEAD TRYIN'! LET'S GO!
PRISON
HEY... WHAT'S THE IDEA OF THE IRONS?
SOMETHIN' NEW IN PRISON BREAKS, MAC... WE'RE BUSTIN' IN! NOW ABOUT FACE... OR WOULD YOU RATHER GET SHOT?
THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT, JOE... NEAT AND QUIET!
YEAH! WE BETTER HEAVE THESE BIRDS IN BACK OF THE TRUCK... JUST IN CASE SOMEBODY POPS IN TO SEE WHAT'S DELAYIN' THEM!
THAT YOU, CLARKSON? DID YOU SEE ANYTHING OF A COUPLE OF THE BOYS I SENT OUT TO HELP YOU UNLOAD?
GET HIM, BROCK!
SAY, YOU AREN'T CLARKSON --AGHHH!
HE AIN'T SANTA CLAUS, NEITHER! YOU BETTER GO LIE DOWN AN' WAIT FOR YOUR BOYS! THEY'RE FAST ASLEEP!
SO FAR SO GOOD, HARRY! WHERE TO NOW?
I DON'T KNOW! MAYBE I'LL STOP AND ASK A GUARD, YOU DOPE!
HEY... WHAT THE DEVIL ARE YOU TWO UP TO? AGHRRR!
NICE SHOOTIN', HARRY! BUT NOW WE'VE TIPPED OUR HAND! THE WHOLE PLACE WILL BE TRYIN' TO FIND OUT WHO DID THE SHOOTIN'!
CRACK!

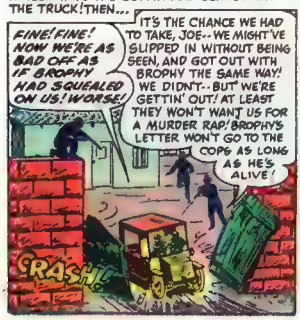
NUTS! WE GOT COMPANY...TOO MUCH OF IT! NOW WHAT, GENIUS?
WHAT D'YOU KNOW! LOOK, JOE.. I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE OURSELVES A HOSTAGE!
WHA--WHAT DO YOU WANT IN HERE?
YOU, WARDEN! GET YOUR MITTS ON TOP OF THAT DESK--WITHOUT A GUN IN 'EM! THEN START LEADIN' US TO THE DEATH HOUSE!
WARDEN ALBERT PRICE
HEY, LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN HONOR GUARD, HARRY! DROP THOSE GUNS, GENTS, OR YOU'LL BE NEEDIN' A BRAND NEW WARDEN!
I GUESS WE'D BETTER, WARDEN PRICE! WHAT'S UP?
I DON'T KNOW...THEY WANT TO GO TO THE DEATH HOUSE! THAT'S WHERE THEY'D WIND UP ANYHOW, AT THE RATE THEY'RE GOING! YOU HOODLUMS WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!
WE'RE DOIN' BETTER'N I EXPECTED SO FAR, WARDEN! NOW, MARCH!
SIX MORE GUARDS JOINED THE PROCESSION BEFORE THE TWO DESPERATE MEN REACHED DEATH ROW...
BROPHY! JACK BROPHY! WE'RE HERE, JACK... ME AND BROCK! WHERE ARE YOU?
JOE WADLEY AND HARRY BROCK! THEY'VE MADE IT! HERE, HARRY --THIS WAY!
AH, YOU'RE GREAT GUYS, COMIN' FOR ME LIKE THIS!
WHAT'D YOU EXPECT US TO DO, STOOLIE? HERE, GRAB THESE RODS!
INTO THE COOP WITH THE LOT OF YOU! MAKE IT SNAPPY...
HEY-- THE WARDEN! HE SLIPPED AWAY!
YUH KNUCKLE-HEAD! WHY DIDN'T YUH WATCH HIM? NOW WE GOT NO HOSTAGE!
WELL, DON'T STAND THERE...THIS DUMP'LL BE ALIVE IN TWO MINUTES! LET'S GET OUT!
CRACK

THE FUGITIVES HAD NO PLAN IN MIND...THEY JUST RAN, FIRED, AND RAN AGAIN! THEY WOUND UP IN THE PRISON SHOP, WHERE AN ORDER OF COFFINS WAS BEING READIED FOR SHIPMENT TO EASTERN MARKETS!

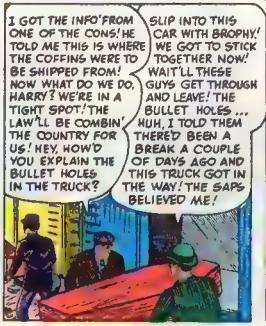
HOLY--! UHOOO...
ONLY THE GATE BETWEEN US AND OUT--AND IT AIN'T GOIN' TO BE NO SNAP!
GOT 'IM! THERE'S CLICK!
LOOK! THEY'RE LOADIN' COFFINS ON A TRUCK... THAT'S OUR CHANCE!

WHAT'S THE IDEA, HARRY? WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME RIDIN' UP FRONT?
LOOK, IF JUST TWO OF US ARE SPOTTED MAYBE THEY WON'T THINK THEY GOT THE RIGHT TRUCK! IT'S CLOSED! NOBODY CAN SEE THE COFFINS! IT AIN'T MUCH, BUT IT'S A TRY! THERE, NOW YOU GOT AIRHOLES! LAY DOWN AND SHUT UP! HEY, YOU--NAIL THE LID ON THIS MUG!

IN THREE MINUTES FLAT, JACK BROPHY WAS NAILED INTO THE COFFIN AND LOADED ON THE TRUCK! THEN...

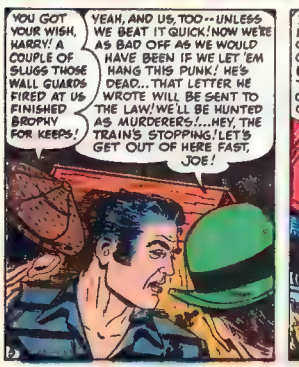

FINE! FINE! NOW WE'RE AS BAD OFF AS IF BROPHY HAD SQUEALED ON US! WORSE!
IT'S THE CHANCE WE HAD TO TAKE, JOE--WE MIGHT'VE SLIPPED IN WITHOUT BEING SEEN, AND GOT OUT WITH BROPHY THE SAME WAY! WE DIDN'T--BUT WE'RE GETTIN' OUT! AT LEAST THEY WON'T WANT US FOR A MURDER RAP! BROPHY'S LETTER WON'T GO TO THE COPS AS LONG AS HE'S ALIVE!
CRASH!

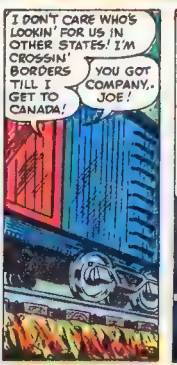
TEN MINUTES LATER...

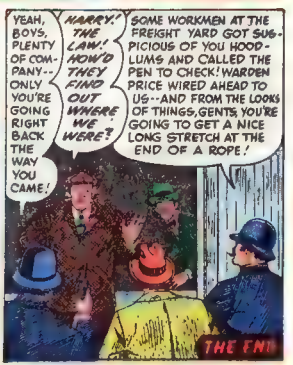

I GOT THE INFO FROM ONE OF THE CONS! HE TOLD ME THIS IS WHERE THE COFFINS WERE TO BE SHIPPED FROM! NOW WHAT DO WE DO, HARRY? WE'RE IN A TIGHT SPOT! THE LAW'LL BE COMBIN' THE COUNTRY FOR US! HEY, HOW'D YOU EXPLAIN THE BULLET HOLES IN THE TRUCK?
SLIP INTO THIS CAR WITH BROPHY! WE GOT TO STICK TOGETHER NOW! WAIT'LL THESE GUYS GET THROUGH AND LEAVE! THE... BULLET HOLES... HUH, I TOLD THEM THERE'D BEEN A BREAK A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO AND THIS TRUCK GOT IN THE WAY! THE SAPS BELIEVED ME!

HALF-AN-HOUR LATER, THE TRAIN WAS ON ITS WAY EAST..

HEY, BROPHY, WE'RE IN THE CLEAR NOW! Y'KNOW, HARRY, I THINK MAYBE HE PASSED OUT 'CAUSE HE WASN'T GETTIN' ENOUGH AIR IN THIS CRATE!
AFTER ALL, THE TROUBLE WE BEEN THROUGH FOR HIM! I HOPE HE CROAKS!


YOU GOT YOUR WISH, HARRY! A COUPLE OF SLUGS THOSE WALL GUARDS FIRED AT US FINISHED BROPHY FOR KEEPS!
YEAH, AND US, TOO--UNLESS WE BEAT IT QUICK! NOW WE'RE AS BAD OFF AS WE WOULD HAVE BEEN IF WE LET 'EM HANG THIS PUNK! HE'S DEAD... THAT LETTER HE WROTE WILL BE SENT TO THE LAW! WE'LL BE HUNTED AS MURDERERS!...HEY, THE TRAIN'S STOPPING! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE FAST, JOE!




YEAH, BOYS, PLENTY OF COMPANY--ONLY YOU'RE GOING RIGHT BACK THE WAY YOU CAME!
HARRY! THE LAW! HOW'D THEY FIND OUT WHERE WE WERE?
SOME WORKMEN AT THE FREIGHT YARD GOT SUSPICIOUS OF YOU HOODLUMS AND CALLED THE PEN TO CHECK! WARDEN PRICE WIRED AHEAD TO US--AND FROM THE LOOKS OF THINGS, GENTS, YOU'RE GOING TO GET A NICE LONG STRETCH AT THE END OF A ROPE!
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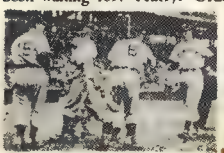

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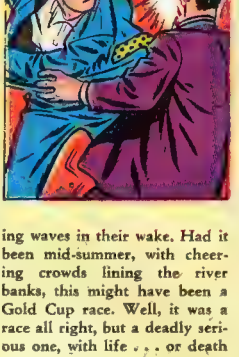
Telling Tommy to get in touch with the police right away, and to follow me in another car with Midge, I sprinted down the stairs and out to the garage. I jumped into a roadster and roared down the driveway to the parkway that led to New York. Very few cars were on the road and soon I was doing close to eighty. I raced on, and finally stopped to pay my toll at the Tri Boro Bridge. Swinging over to the East River Drive, I drove as fast as I dared. Soon I came to the numbered piers, and the first one 69. I had my bearings, and a few minutes later, pulled up at Pier 36.

It was deserted and dark except for a light over the number. The front end was open and a chill wind swept through the huge, shed-like structure. I ran towards the river end, silently praying that I was in time. But as I approached, a long, sleek motorboat was chugging away from the dock, picking up speed with every turn of its powerful motors. Hearing voices, and the sound of running feet, I turned. Several policemen were coming towards me, guns drawn. Hurrying to meet them, I explained to the sergeant who I was, told them the boat had gotten away. He turned to his men and began barking orders.

"We can beat them to the Battery. Mac, telephone the Harbor Patrol to have a boat ready. Let's get going!"

We jumped into the squad car, and in a very short time, were at the Harbor Patrol, at the tip of Manhattan Island. Several times as we sped down South Street, we caught glimpses of the boat, as it roared down the river. A Police Launch was ready, motors running. I followed the police squad aboard and we took off after them.

The powerful launch roared across the harbor, siren wailing, its searchlight playing on the water, until it caught the sleek, racing craft in its powerful beam. We were now behind, about a quarter of a mile, and both boats were leaving churning waves in their wake. Had it been mid-summer, with cheering crowds lining the river banks, this might have been a Gold Cup race. Well, it was a race all right, but a deadly serious one, with life . . . or death . . . as the prize.



The gap between us was rapidly closing and suddenly a series of shots whistled past us. These were desperate men, and would stop at nothing. A policeman, holding a sub-machine gun, was taking careful aim. I watched him and saw his finger firmly press the trigger. There was a rat-tat-tat, and a hissing sound from the motor boat. He had secured a direct hit at the water line and abruptly the sleek craft lurched completely around! It took all of the splendid seamanship of the police pilot at our wheel to avoid a collision. The entire squad was ready with rifles when we pulled alongside. The police ordering the thug at the wheel to cut his motors.

I jumped aboard and the first man I met suffered for the whole gang! For, putting every ounce of strength into the blow, I smashed his face with a terrific right hander! He fell backwards into the cold water of the harbor. Another one was coming towards me fast, and I grabbed him by the throat before he had a chance to use the persuader he was carrying.

"If you don't want the same treatment as your pal, talk fast. Where's Miss West?"

"She's in the forward cabin . . . let go my throat—you're chokin' me!"

I dropped him like a sack, and ran for the cabin. Gloria was there, hands and feet tied, and a gag in her beautiful mouth! I freed her in nothing flat, and took her into my arms, holding her close!

"Thank heavens you're here, Jack! How's Midge?"

"I don't know. Tommy's bringing her into town. The police'll take care of her!"

"Don't be silly. She's a Treasury Agent, and Tommy's been helping her round up this gang. He's gone back into Naval Intelligence, and if we're not smart, they'll be married before us. Just the same, I'm glad you got here in time. They were trying to get to a freighter about nine miles out . . . and then they were going to make Dad pay an enormous ransom to free his only daughter."

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THE SCENE WAS THE RECTOR HALL COURTROOM IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS ON JULY 22, 1920! A HOT, TENSE COURTROOM CROWD WAS BROUGHT TO THEIR FEET AS BENTLY HARRIDGE, FAMOUS CRIMINAL LAWYER OF THAT ERA, MADE A DRAMATIC MOVE IN THE MURDER TRIAL OF ROBERT CURTIS VS. THE STATE OF ILLINOIS!
STORY BY HANK CHAPMAN

HARRIDGE! WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU? THAT STUFF YOU JUST SWALLOWED IS BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY... A DEADLY POISON!
YOU ALL WITNESSED WHAT I JUST DID! I DRANK THE SAME LIQUID... OUT OF THE SAME BOTTLE... WHICH THE PROSECUTOR CLAIMS MY CLIENT, MR. CURTIS, ADMINISTERED TO HIS BELOVED WIFE AND CAUSED HER DEATH!
DAN LORRAINO

THAT BROKE THE CASE! THE JURY WAS OUT FIVE MINUTES AND CAME BACK WITH A VERDICT OF...

NOT GUILTY! BENTLY HARRIDGE CLEARS ROBERT CURTIS OF MURDER CHARGE!

The Star

NOT GUILTY!

THAT'S THE STORY THE ADMIRING PUBLIC READ IN THEIR NEWSPAPERS! THEY CALLED HIM A LIBERATOR... THEY PRAISED HIM... CHAMPIONED HIM! BUT WHAT WOULD *THEIR* VERDICT HAVE BEEN IF THEY HAD WITNESSED THE FAMOUS CRIMINAL LAWYER'S ACTIONS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TRIAL...

HERE'S THE CAR, BOSS... AN' THE DOC'S ALL SET FOR YOU AT YOUR APARTMENT!

GOOD! NOW STEP ON IT, PIGGY! IT'S A MATTER OF *LIFE OR DEATH!*

THE BIG, BLACK LIMOUSINE SPED THRU THE STREETS WITH AN EXPERT DRIVER AT THE WHEEL! SEVEN MINUTES LATER IT PULLED UP TO THE CURB IN FRONT OF THE EXCLUSIVE RALSTON ARMS APARTMENTS...

TWENTY-TWO MINUTES SINCE I DRANK THAT STUFF! EIGHT MINUTES MORE AND I'LL BE DEAD!

DON'T TALK THAT WAY, BOSS! WE'LL MAKE IT!

QUICK, HARRIDGE! GET ON THIS TABLE! YOU'VE GOT ABOUT FOUR MINUTES!

I'M READY! GET THAT THING WORKING!

INSTANTLY A SMALL MOTOR BEGAN ITS MONOTONOUS DRONE! QUICKLY HARRIDGE STRETCHED OUT SUPINE ON THE TABLE! THE DOC'S DEFT HAND PLACED A RUBBER TUBE INTO THE LAWYER'S MOUTH... THERE WAS COMPLETE SILENCE, EXCEPT FOR THE HUM OF THE MOTOR AND A GURGLING SOUND...

A FEW MINUTES LATER, BENTLY HARRIDGE WAS SITTING ON THE EDGE OF THE TABLE, SMILING...

THAT WAS GOOD TIMING, BOYS! I FIGURED IT'D TAKE A HALF HOUR FOR THAT POISON TO TAKE EFFECT! THE EGG WHITES I ATE BEFORE THE TRIAL WERE A PARTIAL ANTIDOTE... KEPT ME ALIVE UNTIL I GOT HERE! THEN DOC DID THE REST WITH THAT STOMACH PUMP!

AN' NOW, BOSS... AS YOU SAY... *THE DEFENSE RESTS!*

MAYBE THE DEFENSE WAS RESTING, BUT DETECTIVE LIEUT. THOMAS CLANCY OF THE HOMICIDE SQUAD WASN'T...
I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT SHYSTER DID IT, CAPTAIN...BUT I SAY IT'S A TRICK! CURTIS ADMITTED KILLING HIS WIFE WHEN I NABBED HIM... BUT AFTER HE CALLED HIS LAWYER HE CLAMMED UP! SO NOW HE COLLECTS HIS WIFE'S DOUGH AN' HARRIDGE COLLECTS A FAT FEE!
AN' ALL YOU'LL COLLECT IS BLISTERS, TOM, IF YOU KEEP RUNNIN' AFTER HARRIDGE TRYIN' TO GET SOMETHIN' ON HIM!
HE'S A BIG-SHOT MOUTHPIECE... AN' HE'S SMART! EVEN IF YOU PINNED SOMETHIN' ON HIM IT WOULDN'T STICK... NOT THE WAY HE'S GOT ALL THE BIG POLITICOS PAID OFF! LIKE I SAID, TOM... HE'S SMART!
...SO IS A FOX, CAPTAIN ...BUT THEY STILL MAKE FUR COATS OUT OF 'EM! G'BYE! SEE YOU LATER!
A YEAR WENT BY AND BENTLY HARRIDGE CONTINUED TO THWART JUSTICE BY HIS BRIBERY, HIS CUNNING AND HIS TRICKERY! HE BOASTED PUBLICLY THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO LOSE A CASE... ANY CASE! THAT KIND OF PUBLICITY BROUGHT EVERY CROOK, RODMAN AND MURDERER TO HIS DOOR...
BOSS, I JUST TALKED TO SANDY SALT! THEY GOT HIM IN THE CLINK! HE'S THE HAWK THEY PICKED UP FOR THAT MILLION DOLLAR ICE JOB! SOME OL' DAME PUT THE FINGER ON HIM! HE WANTS YOU SHOULD SPRING HIM!
TELL HIM I'LL BE DELIGHTED TO TAKE HIS CASE... FOR A FIFTY-FIFTY SPLIT OF HIS HAUL!
WHEN A MAN'S SITTING ON THE HOT-SEAT HE DOESN'T QUIBBLE ABOUT A MEASLY HALF-MILLION BUCKS... AND SANDY SALT WAS SQUIRMING PLENTY! A FEW DAYS LATER...
YOU'VE MADE A WISE INVESTMENT, SANDY! YOU'LL BE SPENDING YOU'RE SHARE OF THE LOOT WITHIN A MONTH.'
...BUT I TELL YA, MR. HARRIDGE ...THAT OLD DAME SAW ME! I BUMPED INTO HER WHEN I WAS GETTIN' INTO MY GETAWAY CAR!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, SANDY... I NEVER LOSE A CASE! JUST TELL ME HOW YOU WERE DRESSED WHEN YOU ROBBED THAT JEWELRY EXCHANGE!
HUH? HEY, ARE YOU NUTS? I'M PAYIN' YA FIVE HUNDRED G'S TO SPRING ME AN' YA ASK ME WHO MY TAILOR IS! WHAT GIVES?
AT THE TRIAL: SANDY... I'M GOING TO TELL THE JURY THAT THE OLD WOMAN WHO SAW YOU WAS MISTAKEN! I'LL CONVINCE HER THAT IT EASILY COULD HAVE BEEN FOUR OTHER GUYS!
HUH? I... I STILL DON'T GET IT!
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BLAKLY HARRIDGE WAS CONFIDENT OF VICTORY AND DETECTIVE TOM CLANCY WAS SURE THAT AT LAST THE STATE HAD A CASE THAT HARRIDGE COULDN'T BEAT. THE STAR WITNESS WAS POSITIVE IN HER IDENTIFICATION OF SANDY SALT...THE CROOK WHO KILLED A MAN WHILE ROBBING THE JEWELRY EXCHANGE...

THE CASE'LL BE HARRIDGE'S FIRST DEFEAT, CAPTAIN! WHEN THAT OLD LADY GETS ON THE STAND AND POINTS TO SANDY SALT AS THE MAN SHE SAW RUN OUT OF THAT JEWELRY PLACE AND BUMP INTO HER...IT'LL BE ALL OVER BUT THE VERDICT... ***GUILTY!***

IT'S A TOUGH ONE ALL RIGHT, TOM...BUT WE'LL SEE TOMORROW! I STILL SAY THAT HARRIDGE IS A SMART ONE, HE IS!

AT THE TRIAL THE NEXT DAY THE STATE'S STAR WITNESS WAS ASKED IF THE MAN WHOM SHE SAW RUN OUT OF THE JEWELRY SHOP, ON AUGUST 2,1921, FIRING A GUN, WAS IN THE COURTROOM...

YES! THERE HE IS... THE LITTLE MAN IN THE GREEN PLAID SUIT!

ARE YOU SURE THAT'S THE MAN, MRS. BLITTER?

...OR WAS IT THIS MAN... OR THIS ONE?...OR PERHAPS THIS IS THE ONE...OR...

OH, MY GOODNESS! IT WAS THAT ONE! NO...NO...IT WAS THIS...OH, GOODNESS, THEY ***ALL*** LOOK ALIKE...I DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE IT REALLY WAS!

THAT WAS THE CLINCHER! ANOTHER HARRIDGE TRICK PAID OFF! THE JURY EXONERATED SANDY SALT...AND THAT NIGHT THE HARRIDGE SUITE WAS A GAY AND FESTIVE SPOT...

...AN' WHEN THOSE GUYS, ALL MY SIZE AN' WEIGHT, CAME MARCHIN' IN DRESSED IN THE SAME KINDA SUIT I'M WEARIN'... I THOUGHT I WAS GETTIN' STIR CRAZY.

PIGGY SEARCHED EVERY ALLEY IN CHICAGO FOR THOSE FOUR GUYS...AND IT PAID OFF! IT CONFUSED THAT OLD LADY... AN' PROVED TO THE JURY THAT THE OLD HAG'S EYE-SIGHT AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE! I TOLD YOU I NEVER LOSE A CASE, SANDY!

ANOTHER YEAR STAGGERED BY AND BLAKLY HARRIDGE BECAME THE TOP CRIMINAL LAWYER OF THE COUNTRY! HOLLYWOOD AND TOP SOCIETY USED HIM! IN 1922, WHEN MRS. LUCY CHARM, THE COSMETIC HEIRESS WAS CHARGED WITH POISONING HER HUSBAND...SHE CALLED FOR HARRIDGE...THE MAN WHO COULDN'T LOSE A CASE...

I PROMISE YOU, MRS. CHARM ...TOMORROW YOU'LL BE A FREE WOMAN! REMEMBER ***...I NEVER LOSE!***

I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE IN YOU, MR. HARRIDGE... ***A MILLION DOLLARS WORTH...*** IF YOU WIN THIS CASE!

PIGGY, REMEMBER THE ROUTINE WE PULLED AT THE CARTER TRIAL BACK IN 1920? THE ONE WITH THE STOMACH PUMP? I THINK WE'LL GIVE IT AN ENCORE AT TOMORROW'S TRIAL... GET EVERY THING SET!

OKAY, BOSS! BUT YOU SURE GOT NERVE... SWIGGIN' THAT POISON DOWN LIKE IT WAS HOOCH!

DETECTIVE THOMAS CLANCY NEVER GAVE UP TRYING TO PIN SOMETHING ON HARRIDGE; HE STUDIED THE LAWYER'S TRIALS...COMPARED HIS HANDLING OF SIMILIAR CASES..MADE NOTES ON HIS HABITS AND TECHNIQUES..
YOU'VE GOT TO HELP, CAPTAIN! HARRIDGE HANDLED THE CURTIS CASE IN 1920 ..AND IT'S JUST LIKE THIS CHARM CASE--MURDER BY POISONING! IT'S A LONG SHOT BUT I'M WILLING TO TRY IT... EVEN IF IT MEANS POUNDING A BEAT AGAIN!
OKAY, TOM, OKAY. BUT I'M ONLY DOIN' THIS BECAUSE YOUR NAME IS CLANCY... AN' I'M DAFT!
AT THE DAY OF THE TRIAL, THE COURTROOM WAS JAMMED WITH A CROWD THAT CAME TO WATCH HARRIDGE'S THEATRICALS! THEY GOT A BETTER SHOW THAN THEY EVER EXPECTED WHEN...
I WILL PROVE THAT THE LIQUID IN THIS BOTTLE, WHICH MRS. CHARM POURED INTO HER HUSBANDS DRINK... IS NOT A DEADLY POISON!
LOOK! HE'S DRINKING THE POISON!
YOUR HONOR, PLEASE EXCUSE THIS INTERRUPTION, I'M DETECTIVE CLANCY, HOMICIDE! WE SENT DOWN THE WRONG EVIDENCE! INSTEAD OF THE BOTTLE OF BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY FOUND IN THIS CASE...WE SENT A BOTTLE OF THE INTENSELY POISONOUS POTASSIUM CYANIDE!
WHAT? POTASSIUM CYANIDE!
I JUST DRANK THAT! QUICK! GET ME OUT OF HERE! TAKE ME TO MY PLACE...I'VE GOT A STOMACH PUMP WAITING THERE! QUICK! BEFORE THAT STUFF KILLS ME!
A STOMACH PUMP? SO THAT'S WHY YOU WEREN'T AFRAID TO DRINK THE MERCURY?
THAT PO'SON WAS SLOWER ACTING AND GAVE YOU TIME TO GET TO YOUR PLACE AND GET IT PUMPED OUT! BUT POTASSIUM CYANIDE IS ALMOST INSTANTANEOUS AND YOU'RE AFRAID OF DYING...BUT RELAX, HARRIDGE.. THAT WAS ONLY STALE BEER AND VINEGER YOU DRANK!
NUH? YOU... YOU MEAN THIS IS ALL A...A TRICK?
YEP, HARRIDGE... THE KIND YOU'VE BEEN FRUSTRATING JUSTICE WITH FOR YEARS! YOU'RE A DISGRACE TO AN HONORABLE PROFESSION EVEN THOUGH YOUR RECORD WILL SHOW THAT YOU NEVER LOST A CASE... EXCEPT ONCE... YOU'RE OWN!
YOUR HONOR ...I OBJECT!
...AND HE GOT PLENTY OF TIME TO DO HIS OBJECTING IN...FORTY YEARS, AFTER DOC AND PIGGY TURNED STATE'S EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM! MRS. LUCY CHARM LOST HER CASE AND GOT LIFE! BLAKLY HARRIDGE IS ABOUT 74 YEARS OLD NOW AND WILL BE PAROLED FROM PRISON IN A FEW MONTHS!
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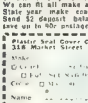

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YAAH! GO ON, DRAKE...MAKE A NICE SAFE LANDING! BUT YOU WON'T GET AWAY...YOU'LL LIVE TO BURN IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!
IT ACTUALLY HAPPENED IN NEW YORK CITY IN 1940!
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MANY NEW YORKERS WILL REMEMBER THE OLD PARKLAND HOTEL, IN THE WEST 30'S; THEY'LL RECALL THE GREAT FIRE THAT LEFT NOTHING STANDING BUT TWISTED GIRDERS AND CHARRED WALLS! RACKETEER-GANGSTER, JESS DRAKE, OWNED THAT HOTEL...

OF COURSE I'LL SELL YOU THE PROPERTY THIS BUILDING STANDS ON, MR. LAWSON, BUT WHAT DO I DO WITH IT? I MEAN, YOU JUST CAN'T JACK UP A 20-STORY HOTEL AND MOVE IT!
THAT'S WHY I OFFERED YOU SUCH A BIG PRICE FOR THE LAND, DRAKE! THE HOTEL ISN'T WORTH ANYTHING TO MY COMPANY...WE WANT TO PUT AN OFFICE BUILDING UP HERE!

ALL RIGHT, MR. LAWSON! I ADMIT THE HOTEL IS OLD...IT WOULD HAVE TO COME DOWN IN ANOTHER FIVE YEARS ANYHOW! IT'S A DEAL...HERE'S MY SIGNATURE ON THE CONTRACT!

IT WASN'T LIKE JESS DRAKE TO LET ANYTHING SLIP THROUGH HIS FINGERS! THERE WAS MONEY TO BE MADE FROM THAT OLD BUILDING AND EVEN AS HE SIGNED THE CONTRACT SELLING THE LAND, AN ANGLE CAME TO HIM! THAT NIGHT, DRAKE CALLED HIS GANG TO HIS OFFICE! HE HAD A VISITOR...
HOW CAN YOU SELL THE LAND WITHOUT MOVING THE HOTEL OFF IT? I THINK YOU GOT STUCK, JESS!
I GOT A CHECK FROM GEORGE LAWSON THAT'LL NOT ONLY PAY FOR TEARING DOWN THIS OLD WRECK, BUT WILL GIVE ME A NICE PROFIT, TOO!
BUT THE HOTEL IS STILL MINE! WE GOT TWO WEEKS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT... GET THE GUESTS OUT AND ALL THAT! BOYS, I HAVE A HALF-A-MILLION FIRE INSURANCE ON THIS BUILDING...DOES THAT GIVE YOU ANY IDEAS?
YEAH...THAT'S A LOT OF DOUGH BUT FIRE'S A RISKY BUSINESS! THIS HOTEL HAS A LOT OF PEOPLE IN IT! BESIDES, YOU GOT TO KNOW HOW TO WORK IT SO THE PLACE BURNS TO THE GROUND!
WE GOT FIRE ESCAPES...LET THE PEOPLE TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES! AS FOR DOING THE JOB WELL, THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT MOUSIE MILLS INTO THE DEAL! HE'S AN EXPERT...WHAT ABOUT IT, MOUSIE?
I GET TEN GRAND FOR A JOB LIKE THIS! LIKE THE MAN SAYS, YOU GOT TO HAVE THE KNOW-HOW... EVEN FOR AN OLD FIRETRAP LIKE THIS!
TEN GRAND OUT OF A HALF-A MILLION ISN'T BAD, DO YOU THINK, BOYS?
SOUNDS GOOD TO US, BOSS! ANYHOW, IT'S YOUR BABY... WE ONLY OWN TEN PER CENT OF THE DUMP!
A WEEK LATER, IN THE BLOSSOM ROOM OF THE PARKLAND HOTEL... DRAKE, MOUSIE MILLS AND GANGSTER CHICK DAYMON WERE SITTING AT A TABLE NEAR THE BAND! THEY COULDN'T BE HEARD OVER THE MUSIC, SITTING THERE...
WHAT'S UP, MILLS? IF YOU HAD TO MEET ME SOMEWHERE, WHY HERE...WHY NOT IN MY OFFICE?
WHAT I GOT TO SAY IS BETTER SAID WHERE THERE'S PEOPLE... WITNESSES!
I SEE! WELL, LET'S HAVE IT, MILLS!
I BEEN THINKING OVER THINGS, MR. DRAKE... LIKE HOW MUCH DOUGH YOU'LL BE GETTING OUT OF THIS BUSINESS! I THINK I OUGHT TO BE GETTING MORE... FIVE TIMES AS MUCH, DRAKE!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE DEALING WITH, MILLS, SOME KID? I CAN FIND SOMEBODY ELSE TO PLAY WITH MATCHES... BEAT IT, MOUSIE! I DON'T NEED YOU!
YOU NEED ME ALL RIGHT, DRAKE... TO KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT! I GOT THAT FIRE STARTED ALREADY! IN ANOTHER HOUR THIS JOINT'LL BE TOO HOT FOR THE DEVIL HISSELF... AND DON'T BOTHER TRYING TO FIND WHERE THE BLAZE IS...IT'LL BE TOO LATE BY THE TIME YOU DO!
YOU REALLY GOT ME OVER THE BARREL, EH, MILLS? IF I DON'T COME THROUGH THE COPS GET AN ANONYMOUS TIP ABOUT HOW THE FIRE STARTED! NOTHING LIKE SOME SMART BLACKMAIL... WELL, I GOT CASH IN MY OFFICE SAFE, MILLS!
YEAH? OKAY... YOU GO UP AND GET IT...I'LL WAIT HERE, WHERE NOTHING CAN HAPPEN TO ME!

GANGSTER CHICK DAYMON CAUGHT THE MEANING OF DRAKE'S GESTURE WITH HIS HEAD, AND THE GUN HE PULLED HALFWAY OUT OF HIS POCKET! THE LIGHT SWITCH FOR THE BLOSSOM ROOM WAS IN THE BASEMENT!

JESS DRAKE, UNDER COVER OF CONFUSION AND DARKNESS, SLIPPED AROUND BEHIND MOUSIE MILLS AND...

WHAT'S WRONG HERE? SOMEBODY GET THOSE LIGHTS BACK ON!

OHHH! I-I WANT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

UHHH!

FAST-THINKING DRAKE KNEW THE POLICE WOULD COME QUICKLY... HE HAD TO DITCH HIS GUN! NO ONE WOULD THINK OF LOOKING FOR A GUN IN A TUBA!

OH, MR. DRAKE... ARE YOU HURT? HERE LET ME HELP YOU UP!

HAH! THIS WAITER WILL REMEMBER WHERE HE FOUND ME! HE'LL BE MY WITNESS!

SOMEBODY CALL THE POLICE! THIS MAN HAS BEEN MURDERED!

IT... IT'S HORRIBLE!

HE'S STILL IN HERE SOMEWHERE... A MURDERER IS STILL IN HERE!

WITHIN TEN MINUTES THE MEN FROM HOMICIDE ARRIVED AT THE BLOSSOM ROOM... AMONG THEM, DETECTIVE FRED MORGAN...

BRACKETT, YOU FRISK THE MEN! MISS GRADY, HAVE THE WOMEN SENT INTO THE LOUNGE... SEARCH THEM FOR A GUN! NO ONE LEAVES TILL THEY'VE BEEN SEARCHED! THAT'S ALL!

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DON'T BE DUMB, AL... THE BULLETS STILL HAD TO GO IN A STRAIGHT LINE, DIDN'T THEY? MORGAN STILL WOULD HAVE ME, BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER! HE CAN'T PIN A THING ON ME UNLESS HE FINDS THAT GUN... AND HE WON'T! WE'RE GOING UP AND GET IT AWAY FROM BEN MALLEY!
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JUST A MINUTE... I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!
OH... IT-IT'S YOU, MR. DRAKE! UH, COME IN, SIR!
I'M ALREADY IN, MALLEY! SAY, YOU LOOK A LITTLE NERVOUS, MALLEY... THAT WOULDN'T BE BECAUSE YOU FOUND SOMETHING, WOULD IT? A GUN, MAYBE?
G-GUN? GOSH HOW WOULD YOUR GUN GET UP IN MY ROOM? N-NO, I-I DIDN'T FIND ANY GUN!
NO? YOU GOT YOUR TUBA UP HERE, MALLEY? I WANT TO HAVE A LOOK IN IT!

SO YOU DIDN'T SEE THE GUN, MALLEY? YOU'RE A DIRTY LIAR! IT WAS IN HERE! I KNOW CAUSE THAT'S WHERE I PUT IT! YOU BETTER DO SOME FAST TALKING, MALLEY!
I-I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS, MR. DRAKE! HONEST! MAYBE SOMEBODY ELSE GOT IT OUT BEFORE I CAME UP!
OWW!
THAT'S ONLY A LITTLE SAMPLE OF WHAT YOU'LL GET IF THAT GUN DON'T TURN UP MALLEY! BOYS, SEARCH THE ROOM!
NO SIGN OF THE CAT, JESS! MAYBE HE'S LEVELING WITH YOU!
BALONEY! LET ME HAVE YOUR GUN, CHICK! WE'VE WASTED ENOUGH TIME TALKING! I'LL JUST MAKE SURE HE DON'T LIVE TO TURN MY ROD OVER TO THE COPS!
NO! NO! WAIT!--
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NOT ME! IT'S SIXTEEN STORIES DOWN! I'D DIE A THOUSAND TIMES BEFORE I REACHED THE NET! I'M SCARED, DRAKE... I'LL FIND A FIRE ESCAPE!
CHICK! GET 'EM! AGHH!
DRAKE JUST JUMPED! I'M GOING DOWN AFTER HIM, MEN! JUMP YOURSELVES, AND DON'T TAKE TOO LONG DOING IT!
AGH H!
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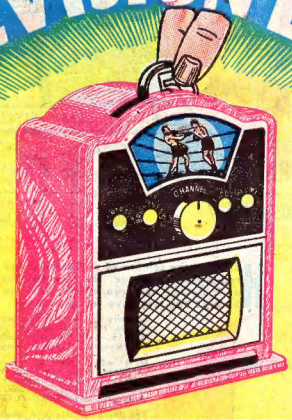

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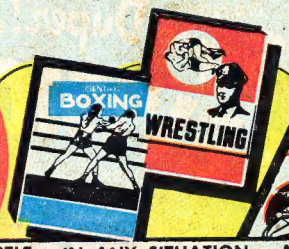

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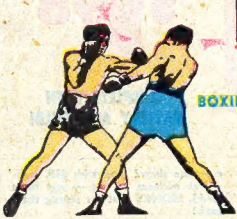

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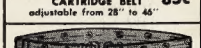

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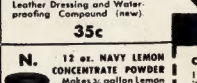

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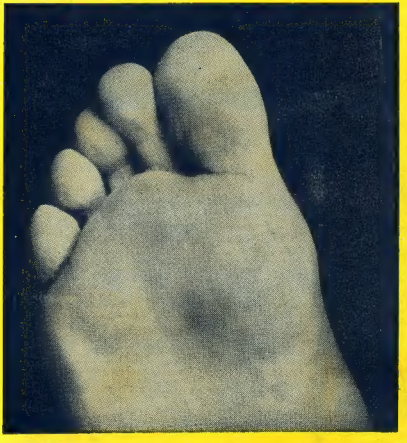

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